

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

What is Biblical Hope? In our ordinary uses of “hope”, we express uncertainty: “I hope dad gets home soon”. But this is not the Biblical meaning of hope. Biblical hope is not just a desire for something good in the future, but rather, Biblical hope is a confident expectation and desire for something good in the future. And it not only expects it to happen; it is confident that it will happen because it is based on the character and promises of God.

1. **Mixer:** Share about a time you were asked to do something that seemed impossible. How did it turn out?

2. Share a takeaway from the sermon.

3. Watch “A Savior is Born: Hope” by Pete Briscoe on RightNow Media. Take notes as you watch this 13-minute teaching together.

a. Share any new insights you have after listening to the teaching.

b. What did you learn about God?

c. What inspires you the most about Mary’s faith in the “impossible”? (See Luke 1:26-38 and Luke 1:46-56).

d. Is there anything specific the Lord is calling you to do after listening to the teaching? Share.

4. While praying together, spend some extra time praising God for the “impossible” things He has done in your lives.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

1. God is the **source** of our hope Psalm 39:7

2. God is the **object** of our hope I Timothy 1:1

3. Hope becomes our **anchor** for life Hebrews 6:18b

4. Hope is **conditional** Hebrews 11:6

5. The Spirit is the **provider** of our hope Romans 15:13

6. The goal is for us to **abound** Jeremiah 29:11